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BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL  
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(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3119)

(COMPANION TO HF 2366 BY  
COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate February 22, 2022)

**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act regarding electronic submission of bids for public
- 2 improvement contracts.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 26.7, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code  
2 2022, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. The time, and place, and manner for filing sealed  
4 proposals.

5 Sec. 2. Section 26.7, Code 2022, is amended by adding the  
6 following new subsection:

7 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. The notice to bidders may provide that  
8 bids may be received in an electronic format as determined by  
9 the governmental entity.

10 Sec. 3. Section 26.10, subsection 1, Code 2022, is amended  
11 to read as follows:

12 1. The date and time that each bid is received by the  
13 governmental entity, together with the name of the person  
14 receiving the bid, shall be recorded on the envelope containing  
15 the bid. If bids are received in an electronic format as  
16 provided in section 26.7, the governmental entity shall  
17 electronically record the date and time each bid is received.  
18 All bids received after the deadlines for submission of  
19 bids as stated in the project specifications shall not be  
20 considered and shall be returned to the late bidder unopened.  
21 The governmental entity shall open, announce the amount of  
22 the bids, and file all proposals received, at the time and  
23 place specified in the notice to bidders. The governmental  
24 entity may, by resolution, award the contract for the public  
25 improvement to the bidder submitting the lowest responsive,  
26 responsible bid, determined as provided in [section 26.9](#), or  
27 the governmental entity may reject all bids received, fix a  
28 new date for receiving bids, and order publication of a new  
29 notice to bidders. The governmental entity shall retain the  
30 bid security furnished by the successful bidder until the  
31 approved contract form has been executed, a bond has been filed  
32 by the bidder guaranteeing the performance of the contract, and  
33 the contract and bond have been approved by the governmental  
34 entity. The provisions of [chapter 573](#), where applicable, apply  
35 to contracts awarded under [this chapter](#).